

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Whiddon Down Village Hall
On
Monday 19 March 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Savage (Chairman), Gosnay (Vice Chairman), Walker, Hester, Dyke, Mudge, Power and the Clerk
Apologies: Cllr Hardie
In attendance: 4 members of the public

028/12 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Unanimous approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 20 February 2012.

029/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman reminded the Cllrs present of the need to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in respect of any items included on the Agenda. Cllr Power declared a prejudicial interest regarding the planning application at Tor Down as she is of one of the applicants. Cllr Hester declared personal interest as he is a neighbour of the Post Inn.

030/12 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Gosnay presented wording for the **honesty boxes**, and it was agreed that the suggested donation should be £1 for the car-park and 20p for the public toilets. Cllr Gosnay to arrange progress.

031/12 HIGHWAYS;

Whiddon Down Pedestrian Crossing; the contact at Highways (Steve Dawe) is currently on leave so no progress.

Turnpike Close parking on verge, Sanctuary Housing have arranged for Highways to install bollards to prevent parking there week commencing 26 March.

Post Office parking lines; Tony Thomas sent a message saying he has collated some contact details of those he plans to approach for funding.

Turnpike Road closure; a message from Rob Richards at Highways said the Traffic Order will be published early in April, and if there are no complications the works will be in May.

Road repairs needed;

Turnpike road near Turnpike Close, Bottom of hill at Netherton, near Veet Mill Cross. Sandy Park passing place in gateway, top of Church Hill towards Bowden Cross at S bend. Hooperton Cross stumps. Clerk to contact Highways.

031/12 PLANNING:

Decisions received;

DNPA 0043/12 replacement glasshouse at West Netherton, Drewsteignton - Approved

DNPA 0055/12 PV panels at Mill Farm, Whiddon Down - Approved

DNPA 0624/11 Listed building consent at Castle Drogo, Drewsteignton – Approved

Post Inn; Nick Savin (DNPA) written saying after further contact with Mr Short he has returned the paperwork and cheque to Mr Short and started enforcement proceedings. He will supply a report and ask for comments. The Parish Council support this action.

Solar array at Narraway Farm, Whiddon Down. A response from WDBC's enforcement officer Keith Palmer has informed us of general policy, but no useful information relevant to the case. Clerk and Cllr Ridgers to respond.

DNPA 0097/12 Certificate of Lawfulness at Tor Down, Drewsteignton. Cllr Power left the room and a long discussion was held considering the recent history of the property. The applicant Mr Power addressed the meeting, and explained that he had given up farming about 25 years ago for health reasons, and sold the land in stages since then. The vote went to **Neutral View**.

DNPA 0114/12 Listed building consent at Church Cottage, Drewsteignton. Replacing a 20C staircase and installing an upstairs shower room. The Councillors **supported** this proposal as it sustains and makes viable a historic building which contributes to special qualities of Dartmoor and Drewsteignton village.

DNPA 0115/12 Listed building consent at Church Cottage, Drewsteignton. The proposal to repair floors and walls using historically appropriate materials will conserve and sustain a historic building which contributes to the special qualities of Dartmoor and Drewsteignton village. Vote to **support**.

DNPA 0134/12 Widening of field gate at Netherton House, Drewsteignton. **Neutral View**.

Clerk to respond to DNPA

032/12 FINANCE;

a) Payments to be made in March 2012.

Cllr Gosnay proposed and Cllr Power seconded the following payments to be made;

Ms B Snook – Salary & expenses £337.76

HMRC - Clerk's PAYE £185.60

Mr M Rowe – Drewsteignton Public Conveniences £104.66

Parish Mag Printers - £53.00

Drewsteignton Village Hall - £8.00

Cllr Savage – travel expenses - £11.80

Drewe Arms – Hedgelaying Volunteers' Subsistence - maximum £69.00 awaiting invoice

b) Income

DCC funding towards the closure of Turnpike Road £1500.00

033/12 General correspondence

Late letters; from Mrs Beryl Scott re **fly-tipping**, asking 'Why the Parish Council is allowing this to happen?' 'If it the Parish Council's policy to allow tipping in the countryside?' 'Or is it a case of out of sight out of mind?' The Council's response will clarify the situation for Mrs Scott and all parishioners. Fly-tipping was already on the agenda for this meeting (published 14 March 2012), having being reported by councillors. Fly-tipping is not in the Parish Council's remit, so there is no official Parish Council policy. Of course the council do not condone fly-tipping, and forward any complaints to the relevant authority, in this case WDBC. The Parish Council do appreciate any information from Parishioners or the general public to help them keep the Parish in good order. Following on from this discussion comments were received regarding the amount of litter left after the waste collection has been carried out. Clerk to contact WDBC on both issues.

Agenda letters

Police CSO Lisa Smith has responded regarding **speeding** in the parish, and the Road Casualty Reduction Officer Mark Goulding will arrange for the Speed Detection Unit to visit the parish. She has also sent the contact information for the Devon & Cornwall Speed Watch Co-ordinator. Clerk to follow up.

Fly-tipping dealt with under late letters.

Car park hedge - Thank you letters to be sent to Tony Coates, Alan Brooks, and the Mudge family for their hard work along with several of the Parish Council team on Saturday 3 March. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Cllr Mudge for organising the work party, and the Councillors who attended.

Crockernwell Jubilee Event funding request – Mary Graham has written requesting some modest funding from the council for this event. After a check on the current finances and following some careful budgeting during the current financial year a grant of £50 will be awarded to the Crockernwell event and £100 for the combined event at Drewsteignton including Whiddon Down parishioners. Also the council agreed to facilitate cash/cheque handling for the Crockernwell event.

Consultation on National Park Governance – the council considered and commented on the changes proposed through an Order in the Public Bodies Act 2011. Clerk to send response.

First Great Western Franchise Replacement Consultation – the council considered and commented on the key areas of concern highlighted by WDBC from the document sent by the Department of Transport. Clerk to send response.

DALC Reconnecting People & Nature – the clerk has asked for Councillors to contribute to this consultation by Saturday 24 March so a response can be collated by the closing date.

034/12 Annual Parish Meeting – a proposed date of 30 April was suggested, and a guest speaker about solar energy suggested. Clerk to finalise date, speaker and arrange invitations.

035/12 Queen's Jubilee Celebrations – Cllr Walker updated the council with a photo of the black & white draft of the illustrated map. Colour will applied as the final touch. The councillors were pleased with the content and style, and thanked the artist for all her input. It was suggested that the original be hung in the Parish church. A copy of the map will be sent to the Queen.

035/12 Delegates Reports – Cllr Dyke gave a brief report on the Devon Heartlands meeting he attended recently a summary is in the circulation pack. Cllr Savage reported from both the Eastern Links meeting he attended, and the planning meeting.

036/12 Comments on information circulated – none

037/12 Future agenda items – Dog waste & bins, Turnpike Close 106 agreement.

038/12 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING –

Monday 16 April 2012 at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.40pm.